

## The Prophet

“A prophet is a man specially called and sent by God to communicate a divine revelation. This is apparent from the name given to those divine messengers. They are called prophets, seers, men of God, men of the Spirit. The Hebrew word for prophet ( ‘*nabi*’ ) and the English word as used in the Old Testament are fully explained by a comparison of two passages in the Book of Exodus—7:1 and 4:16. Moses was to be as God to Aaron, Aaron as prophet, mouth or spokesman to Moses; Moses to communicate to Aaron, and Aaron to declare the message. According to this, prophet means the declarer or interpreter of the divine will. He is one who does not speak of himself, the workings of his own mind, but declares the mind and will of God, and speaks what he receives from without. To declare the will of God and deliver his message, whether it regarded the past, the present or the future, was the prophet’s great duty. To have received a call and message direct from God, and to deliver it, constituted the essence of prophetism”—*Butler, Vol. VIII., p. 7.*

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